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DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 20 June 2010

1st reading: Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Zechariah's prophecy about those who look on one who is pierced was seen by the early Church as a prophecy fulfilled in the crowds gazing on the crucified Christ.

2nd reading: Galatians 3:26-29

Paul tells us that when we are baptised into Christ all the social distinctions that lie at the heart of human society are laid aside before the unity that we share in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

Jesus makes it clear to his disciples that he will be a Messiah who will only bring life when he has been rejected by the authorities and crucified.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Gloria 406 Sanctus: 433 Acclamation: 435 Agnus Dei: 454

Politics and health

In Roman civic law, “the health of the people” was the object of civic government, the reason why armies marched, weights and measures were fixed and checked, roads were built and aqueducts built. When the Church came along, Canon Law expressed its purpose as “the health of souls” both in time and eternity, so rules were made about getting to church and going to communion,

Logically then Parliament rather than the NHS is the National Health Service which leaves the NHS with the simple task of healing. So the NHS tells us that 200 lives could be saved by banning drink and driving pretty well altogether. But how many lives are “lost” one way or another if the pubs all close and normal sociability is lost? There it suddenly comes clear that the NHS is not there to take over the government’s task of deciding what laws are needed for the health of the people. Of course, if no one was allowed to drive at all there would be a reduction in traffic accidents but people would be starving for lack of food deliveries. Perhaps the loneliness of modern man in “The Lonely Crowd” should be thought of as a sort of starvation.

What is the “health of soul” which Canon Law puts forward? I recall reading years ago that in the Far East somewhere people used to “run amok” – that is, run around killing anyone they could. This now happens here from time to time but one commentator assured us we should not be too worried as it happens far more in Scandinavia and the USA. Running amok it seems is something culturally conditioned but what are the conditions? One hopes such people are mad rather than bad, but how does one attain sanity, soundness of mind?

The matter becomes even more serious when one realises that madness can affect a whole people especially with the reinforcement of the mass media. We avoided the excesses of Nazi Germany but as Kipling put it, “What of the Empire?” I recall my dear granny showing me a globe and all the bits marked red, the Empire on which the restless sun never sets. Perhaps the problem with Empire is you easily lose yourself like a film or tennis or football star who lives out his or her image.

“He looks on his servant in her lowliness” – so Mary saw her humanity out of nothingness as something to be dedicated to the will of God in whom her spirit rejoiced. How wonderful to rejoice in something unailing! Teach us Holy Mary!

With a certain complacency we have achieved what Sir Roy Jenkins with his Welsh accent called "a civilised society". The enemies of this society are those who think sexual drives even between adults capable of consent are a matter for moral control, and who imagine in their folly that the sanctity of marriage is the scarlet cord in this area.

If the Church needs Canon Law to express her identity – and why not something similar for the Hindus, Hebrews, Moslems, Zoroastrians et al? - then it remains that our first take on Canon Law was to do with ruling an Empire, the Roman Empire, in a Christian way with the salvation of souls as the objective. Moreover that empire, apart from the awkward Persians and distant Indians, seemed to be the whole world, so Canon Law was for the whole world, giving pagans of any sort a place of course, a small one!

We need Canon Law of course, like we need civil law to drive on the right or the left. We need though to find the deeper law which leads to health in mind and body and helps us overcome personal frailties and helps us create brotherhood and sisterhood across the world. It is the Law of Christ we need who said "I am the way".

TVR

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners
Visitors are most welcome

Parish News

Philosophy

The group will meet on Tuesday at 8 pm in Damien House. TVR

Lost and Found

After the First Holy Communion celebration a 1 GB 80x speed Compact Flash computer card was found. Please contact Maurice

Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries: In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

At IHM Frank Dungey, Nancy Nicholls, Phil Rugg, Robert Murdoch, Eileen Smith, Ray Ward.

At St Anne's Margaret Dacombe, Lily Charlwood, Robert Bazely.

Seasonal Intentions: During this season we are asked to pray for the following intentions.

Christian/Jewish relations, esp on 9 August (St Benedicta);

Victims of Persecution/Oppression, esp on 22 June;

Europe, esp on 11, 23 July, 9 August;

Human life, esp on 25 July;

Seafarers, esp on 11 July.

Caroline Burke

All parishioners are invited to the Requiem Mass of Caroline Burke (known professionally as Caroline McKeon) on Thursday 24 June at 11.15 am at IHM. Please remember this lovely person in your prayers. TVR

The Mass will be followed by Service of Committal at Chilterns Crematorium at 12.15 pm. Chris, Jessica and Joe would very much like to see you to celebrate Caroline's life. Light refreshments will be available in Damien Hall after the mass. Daryl Hardman is organising and would be delighted to receive offers of help with food. Chris Burke

Pastoral Council Meeting IHM

On Monday 28 June there will be a Pastoral Council meeting at the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8 pm. There will be reports from the Parish groups including those created as a result of the "Walking Humbly with our God" questionnaires and John Lumsden, our Pastoral Area Secretary, has kindly agreed to speak to us about out the groundplans for our Pastoral Area that have now been sent to Bishop Peter. If anyone has an item for discussion please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you. Keyna Godward

11 am Sunday Mass rotas now available. If you haven't received your copies by e-mail please ask me for a copy. Maurice Roberts

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Churches Together

It's boring - unbelievable & irrelevant! David Winter from BBC Radio 4 Thought for the Day challenges this view in a fascinating summer lecture

Friday 2 July, at 7.30 pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Wycombe Rd, Prestwood

Tickets £5 including wine - 01494 868537 or 863627 or www.htprestwood.org.uk.

Maurice Roberts

Decorating St Anne's

The painter is scheduled to finish on Thursday 24 June so everything should be back to normal by next weekend.

Godspell

St Columba's Church, Chesham, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a production of Godspell, 23-26 June at 8 pm (and 3 pm on 26) at St Columba's Church, Chesham Box Office 01494 786885 or godspell@tiscali.co.uk. Tickets £12.50 and £10 (conc).
Jane Larkham

Workaid needs you!

Can you spare a few hours per week to help in our workshop, office or our newly opening shop in Chesham?

I became Chairman of Workaid in July and would very much welcome any parishioner joining me at this, the most worthwhile charity I know.

If interested please call me or Bill Duperouzel, Chief Executive, at Workaid. Workaid's website for further information is www.workaid.org. Peter Harper

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Sun 20 June	After 11 am Mass	Shared anniversary lunch in Damien Hall
Mon 28 June	8 pm	IHM Pastoral Council

Hall Bookings

Damien Hall Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre Sue Abbott

This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
Mon 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga mem	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Tue 22 June SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 23 June St Etheldreda	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 24 June THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction	10.15am MASS & Rosary
Fri 25 June St Cadoc op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 26 June	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 27 June 13th Sunday of the year	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS